



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Re: Application of: David Elliott WHITTEN.

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For: DEVICE FOR SEIZING OF FLAT MATERIAL  
ON A TRANSPORTING SURFACE

Examiner: Eugene Kim

Art Unit: 3721

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37. C.F.R. § 1.111**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

June 6, 2002

Sir:

In response to the office action dated January 11, 2002 received in the above-identified application, applicant hereby respectfully requests reconsideration of the application, as amended, and based on the following remarks.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 26 as follows:

Upon further rotation of the respective outer surface 9, 15, respectively in the respective senses of rotation, the head 29 of the respective engaging bolt 27 surrounded by its guide 34, gradually

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